

Columbus Short North Parking Study

Community Advisory Group Meeting #4

May 14th, 2014

Updates and Work in Progress:

The team presented updates and progress to date which included the following:

- **Public Involvement Plan**
 - **Survey:** The online survey has collected over 1,900 responses and the survey is now closed.
 - **Public Open House:** Scheduled for May 15th from 5pm to 8pm at the Goodale Shelter House. The public open house will have a formal presentation to disseminate all the information collected to date and to vet some preliminary and high level strategies for the study.
 - **Next Advisory Group Meeting:** To be schedule. The team proposes shifting the meeting to schedule focus roundtables with community stakeholders to vet strategies and recommendations
- **Existing Conditions Memo**
 - The team is currently working on an existing conditions memo that will be made available at the shortly.
- **Other analysis**
 - Working closely with the Planning Department on the zoning analysis for the parking study. An existing and future development scenario will be analyzed for this study area.
- **Initial Strategies and Recommendations**
 - High level strategies presented at the April Community Advisory Committee meeting were discussed in more depth to the Group

Group Discussion

- **Strategies and Recommendations**
 - **COTA**
 - Opportunities to work with COTA on consolidating bus stop locations and routes in and around High Street and within the study area
 - This could open up opportunities to create more parking spaces along High Street and in the areas with the highest parking

- demand
 - Consolidating stops would allow COTA buses to run more efficiently
 - COTA will be recommending changes to routes at the end of the month
- **Zoning**
 - Need better guidance for Commissions on addressing zoning and parking during the development process
 - Best practices or potential focus group session with commission and committees
- **Shared Parking Opportunities**
 - Has been difficult for the some of the committee members to approach private landowners with shared parking requests
 - Best practices on how to approach this?
 - Should research the shared liability contract which was recently passed for Ohio schools.
- **Higher Prices In Key Areas**
 - Pricing along High Street south of 1st and other key streets within this boundary should be priced higher to create on-street parking availability
 - The secondary zone, just outside of this section of High Street should be priced slightly lower
 - The third zone should be reduced parking or free during key times to allow remote parking for employees and residents
- **Revamp Residential Permit Parking Program**
 - The group agreed that a more comprehensive approach to the permit parking program should be taken. For example there should be a larger permit zone for each neighborhood where all residents have the opportunity to purchase a permit
- **Shared Valet/Loading**
 - There was consensus that consolidating valet and loading areas would help to consolidate and simplify parking regulations along High Street.
- **On-street changes**
 - The group agreed that revisiting the 23' parking space minimums along High Street could help to create more spaces in the key areas of demand along High Street
- **Multimodal Improvements**
 - Pedestrian access was proposed linking E. Russell east and west of Summit Street
 - Better crossing and wayfinding improvements were presented along High Street
- **Employee Parking**
 - Opportunities to alter employee behavior were identified, such as identifying remote parking locations, improving safety and access to these locations, and promoting transportation demand

management measures for businesses that would promote the use of alternative transportation

- **Parking as Part of Development**
 - The existing Hub Garage is a great example of a development that has created additional parking for the public supply
 - Future developments should be encouraged to do the same
- **Goals**
 - Want to preserve neighborhood experience but also allow High Street businesses and other smaller businesses to prosper
 - Need to balance the needs of all users for the recommendations
- **Next steps**
 - Next meeting to be scheduled, however the team proposed moving the meeting to meet and discuss strategies with focus groups and stakeholders. A follow up email will be sent about the next final meeting date
 - Existing conditions memo will be sent to the Committee by the shortly.